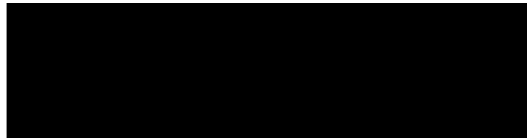


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PLEASE REPLY TO Winchester, Va.
March 15, 1948

Office of the Signal Property Officer
4809 Bethesda Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland

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Attn:  Captain.

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your letter of March 12th and contents noted.

We wish to refer you to the Motor Carrier Freight Claim Rules published by the American Trucking Associations, Inc., Washington, D. C. If you will refer to page 15 of the March 15, 1944 edition of this rule book you will find that Rule 3 reads as follows, "Loss or damage discovered after delivery of shipment to consignee shall be reported by the consignee to carrier immediately upon discovery, and in any event, within fifteen days after receipt and contents and container held for inspection by carrier, with a statement of facts or circumstances evidencing loss prior to delivery by carrier".

Therefore, we feel that since this merchandise was in your possession for a month it is quite possible that the damage occurred while in your possession, and that the trucking company should not be held liable in this instance.

Very truly yours,

/s/Mae C. Wakeman
/t/Mae C. Wakeman

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